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REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Asst. Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D. C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), applicant hereby petitions for a one month extension of the statutory period for response to the Office Action dated November 25, 2002. A check for the fee is enclosed. Please treat this letter as a request for any other necessary extensions and as authorization to charge our deposit account 03-0172 for any additional fees. A duplicate of this paper is attached.

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Respectfully submitted,

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